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Record of Congressional Telephone Conversation - Region 5

SUBJECT: BRIEFING ON SF PROCESS AT WAUKEGAN HARBOR ID #: 030

CONGRESSIONAL: DATE: 01/30/2008

CONTACT: JODIE ANDERSON/ANDRIA PHONE NUMBER: 847-940-0202

OFFICE: REP. KIRK

STATE: IL ACTION FLAG: N

CONTACTS: JULIE SPELLMAN DATE RESPONDED: 03/25/2008

SUMMARY:

Jodie Anderson, who is Rep. Kirk's scheduler, said that the Congressman would like to schedule a meeting/briefing with Mary G. re: the superfund cleanup at Waukegan Harbor. They would like to schedule the meeting/briefing in February or March, if February doesn't work. She said that they are open to the location, wherever we can make it work. I told her I would check and we would get back to her. Superfund and ORC would need to participate in any meeting/briefing.

RESPONSE:

1/31: Julie S. and I will discuss this on Monday, 2/4.

2/6: I called Jodie and gave her following dates: Monday, March 10, Wednesday, March 12 (afternoon) or Thursday, March 13. I told her that Mary G. would like to meet in our office. Also, we would like to know what questions/topics the Congressman would like to discuss at the meeting/briefing.

Jodie called and said those dates didn't work for the Congressman. She asked if Mary Gade would be available early afternoon on Tuesday, March 25. I said I'd check and get back to her.

2/7: I emailed Jodie that this date would work and we set the briefing for 1:30 p.m. on March 25 in the Region 5 office. As we get closer to the meeting we will let each other know who will be participating in the meeting/briefing from each side. Andria Hoffman, from the Congressman's DC office sent the following email re: the subject of the meeting/briefing.

Hi Mary,
He just wants a briefing on the timeline and to see if there's anything we can do to speed it up.

Thanks!

Andria Hoffman
Congressman Mark Kirk
(202) 225-4835

3/7: I sent the following email to Andria.
Hi Andria,

I'm just checking in, in anticipation of the March 25 meeting in our office re: the Waukegan Harbor cleanup. You previously indicated that the Congressman wanted to discuss the timeline for the superfund cleanup actions and if there is anything he can do to speed it up. I wanted to check with you as to whether there are any other issues/questions he would like addressed. Thanks.

3/13: Andria call and that the Congressman wants to discuss the timeline for the superfund actions at Waukegan Harbor and anything he can do to help speed it up. She said he would like to know how soon

we will be able to roll out "Plan B" for addressing PCB contamination in the Harbor and where we are in the Agency review/approval process (National Remedy Review Board). We said that we will touch base next week re: who will be accompanying the Congressman.

3/19: Jodi sent this email:

Hi Mary,

Wanted to touch base regarding the meeting/briefing next week on Tuesday, March 25th. In addition to yourself, and Mary Gade, will there be others attending? Aaron Winters and/or Eric Elk will be accompanying Congressman Kirk. Thank you again for all your assistance.

Jodie

I sent the following reply:

Jodie,

The tentative list of EPA participants in next week's meeting with the Congressman on the OMC site/Waukegan Harbor are:

Mary Gade, Regional Administrator
Richard Karl, Director, Superfund Division
Kevin Adler, OMC Regional Project Manager, Superfund Division
Robert Kaplan, Regional Counsel
Gary Gulezian or David Cowgill, Great Lakes National Program Office
Mary Canavan, Congressional Liaison

I'll let you know if there are any changes. Thanks.

Mary

3/25: Rep. Kirk and Aaron Winters were briefed on the status of the 4 operable units at the OMC superfund site, Waukegan, IL. Here is a list of follow-up items from the meeting:

1. Copy of powerpoint presentation for OMC OU's 1-4 (SF): mailed on 3/26
2. Contact information for Mark Johnson, ATSDR: emailed this information to Aaron Winters on 3/25
3. Appropriations term/category for superfund money that is used for remedial cleanups: emailed to Aaron on 3/26
4. Latest ('05) fish data for Waukegan Harbor: mailed on 3/26
5. Information on example of Houston, TX developer, not a PRP, paying for cleanup at MDI site: emailed to Aaron on 3/25
6. Extend invitation to Rep. Kirk to join CAG tour of OMC sites in May 2008 (Mary C./SF)
7. Give "heads up" to Rep. Kirk's office re: release of proposed plans for OMC cleanups and information on public meeting(s) in summer 2008 (Mary C. and SF)

3/28: Re: Item 6 above - Sent Aaron email invitation for Congressman to join CAG tour of OMC site on May 15.

Aaron contacted Kevin A. and told him the Congressman would be unable to attend as Congress would be in session. He asked about possibility of arranging separate tour for Congressman.

4/3: Kevin and I called Aaron to tell him that we can give the Congressman a tour of the OMC site on April 28 at 10:30 a.m. Aaron said that he will accompany the Congressman and asked that we provide him

with a list of EPA folks who will be there and a schedule for the tour. He said the Congressman would be available from 10:30 a.m. - noon on April 28.

FOLLOW-UP:

- provide names of EPA attendees and schedule for tour
- send OCIR info for Upcoming Report

Recorded By: Mary Canavan